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Our recent experiments on pure and transition metal doped oxide semiconductors such as SnO2, ZnO and CeO2 clearly demonstrated that room-temperature ferromagnetism can be produced in these systems. There is a strong rie for the transition metal dopants, but their magnetic moment is not directly contributing to the magnetism or exchange interaction. Magnetism in these materials are related to oxygen vacancies and defects. Efforts are on to increase and control defects and the room temperature ferromagnetism. Ferromagnetism in these oxide nanoparticles depends strongly on their surface structure. Modifying the surface structure of oxide nanoparticles, we have recently shown that both magnetic and photoluminescence properties can be tailored.

ZnO nanoparticles display strong cytotoxicity to certain bacterial systems and human cells. Our combined experimental and theoretical modeling studies demonstrated that electrostatic interactions between the charged ZnO nanoparticles and the bacterial cells play a major role in the cytotoxic response. In human cells, however, both electrostatics and reactive oxygen species play major roles in the observed cytotoxicity.

A new method to detect hydrogen gas by monitoring the changes in the magnetic properties of hematite nanoparticles has been developed.

When prepared in nanoscale size range, most semiconductor oxides including ZnO, SnO2 and TiO2 show strong photocatalysis due to their large surface to volume ratio and the presence of oxygen vacancies and defects. When these nanoparticles are doped with transition metals, the electron-hole recombination rate can be controlled well and also their photocatalytic activity.

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